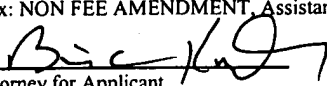




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Applicant: Tsann Lin et al.)
Serial No.: 10/066,835)
Filed: February 4, 2002) Group Art
For: **IN-SITU OXIDIZED FILMS FOR USE AS GAP**) Unit: 1773
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METHODS OF MANUFACTURE)

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 1, 2003, Notice of Appeal, and a subsequent telephone interview, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.